

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019

7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Diane Donat (DD), Chris Evans (CE), David Smith (DS),

IN ATTENDANCE:

10 members of the public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1 Concern was expressed as to why the Parish Council had approved all the housing in The Broadway and not given approval for housing on Hunston Road. The Chairman explained that all planning applications were dealt with individually.

Concern was expressed as to why the Parish Council had given approval for houses in The Broadway which were further away from the village shop than those planned for Hunston Road.

The Chairman again explained that all planning applications were dealt with individually and the Parish Council were only an advisory body to Mid Suffolk District Council's Planning Department.

Concern was expressed as to why the Parish Council had queried the water pressure for the development planned for Hunston Road but not queried the water pressure for The Broadway.

The Chairman, for the third time, stated that all planning applications were dealt with by the Parish Council on an individual basis at the time they were presented. The Parish Council is not obliged to discuss or justify its reasons. This was seconded by the District Councillor.

A query was raised regarding the trees around the war memorial and whether they needed cutting/pruning prior to Remembrance Day. The District Councillor offered to follow up with Mid Suffolk District Council.

Complaints were expressed about the new rules for school buses where existing children travelled free by bus but new children had to pay or be transported by car (when the bus was not full). This complaint would be better addressed to the County Councillor who was not at the meeting tonight.

Andy Tindall had now been appointed as Footpaths Officer for Badwell Ash Parish Council and had held a meeting with SCC on the state of the local footpaths (short update attached). Andy proposed giving a full report approximately every six months and would be looking for volunteers to help maintain these footpaths when the need arose. The Parish Councillors welcomed Andy and looked forward to working with him.

Councillor Donat had attended a Police Q&A session at Bury Rugby Club initiated by the Police which she found very interesting. Her notes on the meeting are attached.

- 1.2 County Councillor Jane Storey was unable to attend the meeting and therefore there no report was available.
 - 1.3 District Councillor Richard Meyer gave his report which covered the Joint Local Plan, Stowmarket Middle School's transformation into affordable housing, an invitation to tour Suffolk's Energy from Waste facility, Gateway 14 expansion, Grants for Home Adaptations (full report attached).
2. APOLOGIES
- Councillors Richard Morris (RM,) Ed Walsh (EW), and Clive Morris (CM).
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
- 3.1 None
 - 3.2 None
4. MINUTES
- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 had previously been circulated.
It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.
 - 4.2 Matters arising – none
5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE
- 5.1 All correspondence received had been circulated.
 - 5.2 A further letter and a donation had been received from Eileen Le Grice. It was proposed that this donation be used to purchase a bench for the new playground when completed.
This was approved and voted unanimously.
 - 5.3 A letter had been received from the Rev Merry requesting a donation for the intended new cemetery. The Chairman had taken legal counsel on this matter and it was established that it was not legal for Parish Councils to contribute in this way. Additionally, there is no precept in the Parish Council's budget for this expenditure. The Clerk will write to advise the Rev Merry accordingly.
This was approved and voted unanimously.
 - 5.4 The Council's response to the Joint Local Plan – as the expiry date had now passed, there was no need to formulate a reply.
 - 5.5 The Clerk explained that the Parish Council's annual insurance was due and it had been recommended to switch suppliers from Zurich to Community Action Suffolk Ltd who provide a bespoke policy for Parish Councils. The annual premium of £258 is approximately £20 cheaper than last year.
It was agreed to proceed with this new policy for one year.
6. ENVIRONMENT
- 6.1 Dominic Cotton produced a very impressive update and plan on the new playground for Councillors to see. He was expecting a further plan and quote from an alternative supplier later in the week. He proposed putting copies of these into the village shop and public house in order to give villagers the opportunity to vote for their favourite. Further details are expected at the November meeting.

- 6.2 Parish Councillors were reminded that the closing date for application for CIL funds (for the new playground) is 30 October and it was important that we were able to have all the information and figures to hand by this date in order to submit a meaningful request.
- 6.3 There are now four grit bins within the village and an order had been placed to have all grit bins topped up with salt by the Highways Department this Autumn in readiness for the winter months.
- 6.4 An order had been placed for new brackets for the second SID and these were expected later in the week. The second SID would be installed at the Walsham Le Willows end of the village in an attempt to slow the continual speeding drivers through the village.
- 6.5 The Clerk had researched Community Heartbeat Trust (a charity) who had successfully installed many telephone boxes in Suffolk villages with defibrillators on behalf of about 30 local parish councils. CHT manage the entire project and provide training and ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that the Clerk could contact CHT and obtain quotes and timescales from them.
- 6.6 New noticeboard – deferred until next month in the absence of Councillor Morris.

7. PLANNING

- 7.1 Progress of recent planning permissions were as follows:

DC/19/02694 Land to the rear of Back Lane off The Broadway – **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**

AP/19/00082 Land off Hunston Road, Badwell Ash – **WITHDRAWN.**

DC/19/01554 Land off Hunston Road, Badwell Ash, Suffolk – **OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**

DC/18/02577 Land north of The Broadway, Badwell Ash – **OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED.**

DC/18/03808 Land South of Long Thurlow Road, Long Thurlow – **APPEAL DISMISSED.**

- 7.2 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to Planning Application DC/19/03797 – Land North East of Broadway Bungalow, The Street, Badwell Ash. (now expired) – no discussion held.

- 7.3 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to Planning Application DC/19/04020 – Land South of Hill House and Broadway Bungalow (deadline 3.10.19).

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this request.

- 7.4 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to Planning Application DC/19/04031 – Land to the Rear of Back Lane, Badwell Ash (deadline 3.10.19).

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this request.

- 7.5 To consider a Planning Consultation Request Letter relating to planning application - DC/19/03505 - Farnley Warren, The Street, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DP

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this request subject to the dimensions and quality of materials of the structure and whether it would constitute a separate Annex.

- 7.6 To consider a planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/19/04302 - The Poplars, Hunston Road, Badwell Ash, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DJ (deadline 4.10.19)

It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections to this request provided that it remains a storage facility on the first floor and is not converted into accommodation, thereby constituting a separate Annexe.

8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1 The Councillors considered the issue of the following cheques and confirmed their agreement that these be issued.

£309.80 for salaries – July 2019
£42.09 – Clerk’s expenses for July 2019
£132.00 – SALC for Clerk’s training
£192.96 – VERTAS grounds maintenance
£104.78 – MSDC parish election recharges for May
£318.00 – MSDC annual litter and dog bin emptying charge
£225.80 – Glasdon grit bin for Richer Close
£310 for salaries – August 2019
£310 for salaries – September 2019
£36.19 – D Clarke expenses May-July 2019
£105.14 – Clerk’s expenses August & September 2019
£232.40 – HMRC
£258.72 – CAS Ltd annual insurance premium

It was resolved that these cheques could be issued.

- 8.2 The Clerk provided the Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for April – September and copies of the bank statements for verification. These were accurate to date.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of our finances and were approved and signed accordingly.

9. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Carole Rose
Parish Clerk

7 October 2019